

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

1000-0487

Case Title:

Pacific Steel and Recycling

Reporting Office:

Seattle, WA, Area Office

Subject of Report:

20150819 Phone Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Clean Harbor Environmental Services

Activity Date:

August 19, 2015

Reporting Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Special Agent

26-AUG-2015, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Approving Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

27-AUG-2015, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

SYNOPSIS

On August 19, 2015, SA Stratton conducted a phone interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the supervisor for Clean Harbor Environmental Services, regarding the chlorine gas release at the Pacific Steel and Recycling facility which occurred on August 12, 2015, in Spokane, Washington.

DETAILS

On August 19, 2015, I conducted a phone interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the supervisor for Clean Harbor Environmental Services, regarding the chlorine gas release at the Pacific Steel and Recycling facility which occurred on August 12, 2015, in Spokane, Washington. After being notified of the nature of the interview and the identity of the interviewing agent, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in substance, provided the following information:

He was in charge of the cleanup of the Pacific Steel and Recycling (PSR) facility after the release of chlorine gas from a gas cylinder on the facility. Clean Harbor was contracted by PSR to decontaminate the area on the PSR property where the release occurred on August 12, 2015.

The cylinder involved in the release has been moved from the previously contaminated area and placed in a nearby warehouse owned by PSR. The cylinder was removed from the scrapping machine in order to decontaminate the area.

When his employees first inspected the cylinder, the cylinder was empty of either solids or gas. They completed testing of the material residue on the outside of the cylinder and the surrounding areas and determined the gas which was released was chlorine. The testing consisted of some orange spots on the cylinder and the surrounding area. There was no liquid in the cylinder as chlorine only exists in a gaseous state. Investigators will be able to see the orange residue in the photos the Clean Harbor personnel took during their documentation of the contaminated scene.

After removing the cylinder from the PSR scrapping machine, they placed the cylinder into a tub of water and submerged it. After submerging the cylinder they tested the water which was coming out of the cylinder until it was a pH of 7.

He will be available for an in person interview in the Spokane area of August 21, 2015.

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